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NOTIFICATION.

No. L.D. 553—Legis. 3-51-11, dated Bangalore, 8th June 1951.

Ordered that the accompanying Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 1951 (Central Bill No. 51 of 1951), published in the *Gazette of India*, Part II, Section 2, dated the 26th May 1951, be republished in the *Mysore Gazette*, for general information.

By Order of His Highness the Maharaja,

N. R. JAYA RAO,
Legal Remembrancer and
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

Parliament of India

The following Bills were introduced in Parliament on the 22nd May, 1951:—

BILL No. 51 OF 1951.

A Bill further to amend the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923.

BE it enacted by Parliament as follows :—

1. Short title.—This Act may be called the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1951.

2. Insertion of new sections 26A and 26 B in Act XXI of 1923.—In the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, under the heading "*Engagement of Seamen*" and before section 27, the following sections shall be inserted, namely :—

"26A. *Medical examination of seamen.*—(*1*) Subject to the provisions of any rules made under sub-section (*3*), no person shall engage or carry to sea any seaman to work in any capacity in any ship unless the seaman is in possession of a certificate in the prescribed form granted by the prescribed authority to the effect that he is physically fit to be employed in that capacity.

(*2*) If any person engages or carries to sea any seaman in contravention of sub-section (*1*), he shall, for each seaman in respect of whom the offence is committed, be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

(*3*) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this section, and, in particular and without prejudice to the generality of such power, any rules so made may provide for—

(*a*) the standard of physical fitness required of seamen, and different standards may be laid down in different cases or for different classes of seamen, having regard to the age of the seamen to be examined or the nature of the duties to be performed by them ;